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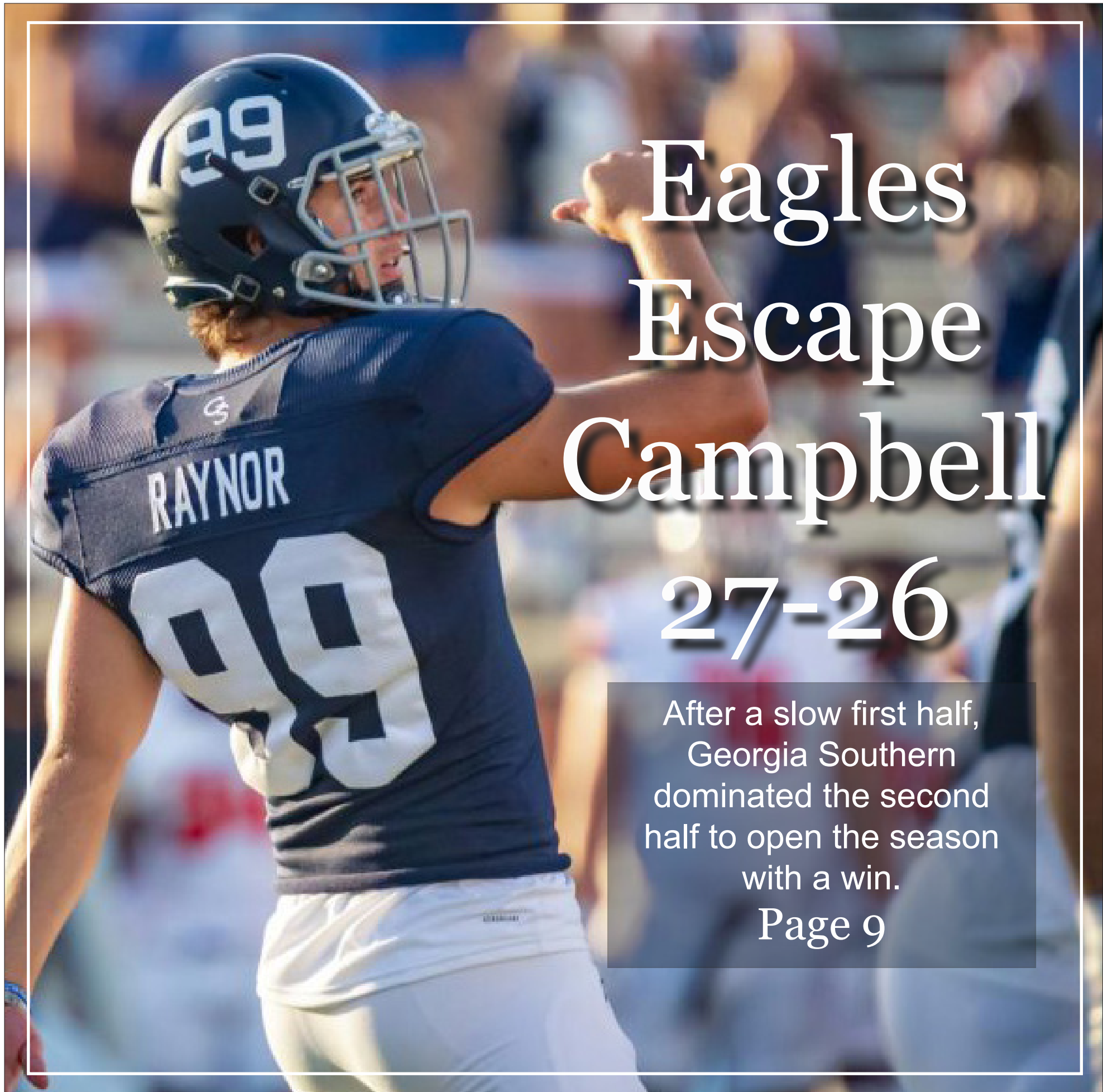
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On September 14, Lara Couch, Daijsha Bobbett, Emily Cannon, Faith Parr, and Zane Kight are having a group lunch together outside of Carruth Building.

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On this cloudy day, September 15, Saralyn Williams is working on her Physics homework in front of the IT Building.



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On September 16, a windy day at Southern, Emma Wheeler is going over her daily devotion while drinking a white chocolate mocha from Starbucks behind the William Center.



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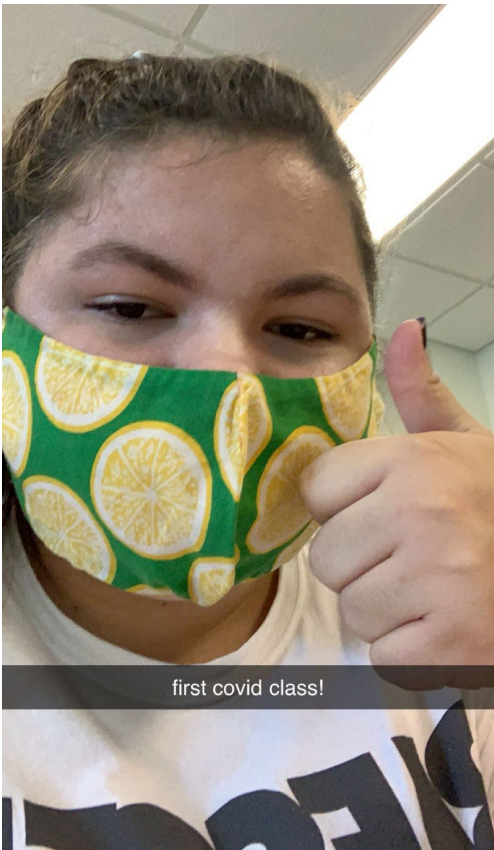
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"I don't have as much going on every day and my classes are a little harder."

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Robots on Campus



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This week marks the first full month of the Starship Technology food delivery robots becoming a common sight on campus.

In a series of short interviews with students around campus on their opinions of the six wheeled additions to campus one thing is clear; these things are cute.

These robots were brought on to campus with the idea to bring students food in a way to reduce the amount of person to

person contact during COVID-19. Of the 18 students interviewed only 2 had ordered food through the Starship App but the remainder expressed interest to order food out of curiosity.

Those who were interviewed also offered up some insight on what it's like to share a campus with these contactless delivery robots along

with some questions of their own.

There are those who are concerned about the robots habit of stopping in the middle of their route to figure out their next step. This can happen in the middle of the road or in the case that Nicholas Wolf brought up, "I've almost gotten taken out by them a couple of times on my longboard because they'll just randomly stop and move around."

Amongst the questions

and concerns that students brought up about the robots the following three were the most common: how do they know where to go, how are they powered, and where does the funding for them come from?

The robots began mapping around campus in early August in preparation for the beginning of the Fall 2020 semester. According to a post on "Medium" by Joan Lääne, mapping specialist at Starship Technologies, the robots are first given a 2D model of the spaces they'll be navigating through.

Based on this 2D model the robots' cameras and sensors are used to create a 3D model of their surroundings with lines based on things such as buildings and lamp posts. The robot recognizes these "guidelines" in order to maneuver around and use their sensors to avoid colliding with passersby.

This is a process that is

being updated constantly as each robot sends its feedback back to the main server in order to more efficiently and safely allow the robots to travel around campus. The robots are also equipped with GPS trackers to ensure that they are on they're way to their destination, which is viewable on the Starship App which is also used to unlock the food compartment.

According to the Starship Technologies website, these robots are not only efficient when it comes to delivering your food but they are also with how they are powered. Their website declares them to be energy efficient and green.

Due to the robots being managed by a third party they don't fit within the GS budget but instead the company receives a percentage of the sales and delivery fees, according to Jennifer Wise, director of communications.

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When you're a high risk college student in constant quarantine, it seems like there isn't an end in sight.

My first time hearing about Corona Virus, I thought it would be contained within China and stamped out in a few weeks and I would never have to be up close and personal with it. Seeing the virus spread all over the world in real time has been one of the most surreal experiences of a lifetime. Seeing the virus so relentless has been one of the most frightening experiences of a lifetime, especially when I'm considered high risk. I have watched Covid-19 grow to absurd levels, and I can't quite understand why people are being stubborn and not wearing masks or truly being on lock down. Being high risk in America during a pandemic has predominantly consisted of me staying home and

staying away from everyone, yet still not being able to go out. I have to order groceries, do everything digitally, and not see my friends or family for the time being. I've stocked up on water, pretzels and enough medication for the next two weeks until it's time to restock my pantry. Mentally and physically I always feel exhausted because it's harder for me to get all of the resources I previously had access to. I know that it's much easier and safer to stay home instead of going to the doctor for small, yet normal things that I would normally go to the doctor for! When I do have to go out, I get very paranoid about being exposed. I carry around hand held hand sanitizer, keep my hands clean, and immediately throw my clothes in the washing machine. I moved down to Statesboro from Atlanta for Fall Semester 2020, and I haven't seen the majority

of my friends aside from my roommates because it's too much of a risk. Corona isn't a mythical creature that I've never seen, but it's this beast I hope I never come into contact with. A lot of people my age have a mindset that Corona only impacts older people, but there are definitely my peers who have had spouts with the virus. It feels frustrating that people my age aren't doing the things they are aware of just because they don't care or they may have that indestructible complex that comes with being away from your parents for the first time.

Instead of getting rid of the virus, America has capitalized off of it and is now living life in an adjusted manner. TV commercials feature masks, there are movies about finding love in quarantine, and yet no one finds a problem with this. This means more social distancing

and less space to move around. This means the virus isn't gone or even controlled! COVID-19 is still a very real and active threat, that in just 4 months will have been a year since this all began. Although when we get to college its hard to want to stay away from our friends and all the parties that come with college, but it's not impossible. Everyone wants life to return back to normal, especially us who are stuck in the house because going outside is too much of a risk and it seems like no one else is doing what they're supposed to do. Do everything like wear masks and wash your hands, and do a little bit more. Skip a party, miss a hangout just one time, don't go to that kickback, and tell your friends not to. I don't want this to be "the new normal", and I doubt that anyone else does as well.

Do you have an opinion that needs to be heard?

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Have you registered to vote?

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In order to be eligible to vote in upcoming U.S. elections you must meet the following requirements:

- 1.) be a U.S. citizen (if you have been naturalized as a U.S. citizen make sure you've informed the Social Security Administration of this legal status change)
- 2.) legal residence to a county (the county where you have a postal address)
- 3.) be at least 17 ½ to register to vote and 18 on election day
- 4.) not be serving a felony sentence

involving moral turpitude

5.) not have been found mentally incompetent by a judge.

When it comes to registering you are able to do so online or through the mail (specifically for the state of Georgia, might not be applicable for all states). Both options require you to use your driver's license or the last four digits of your social security number. The form also requires you to select a county to register in. This means if you live in Bulloch county year round you register for Bulloch county.

The issue with college students who come from outside of Bulloch county is selecting between their home county or Bulloch county. In

both options you have to provide an address of residence. If there's an election in a county you registered for but you won't be in that county for the election you'd vote through an absentee ballot. The absentee ballot request can be filled out in several different ways including online

The MediaWise Voter Project organized by the Poynter Institution to educate new voters about how to search through social media for factual political information through texts. This program provides the subscribers with daily 5 minutes of information during 10 days with the goal of aiding first time voters.

PREP for the POLLS

IMPORTANT INFORMATION

The last date to register to vote in Georgia is October 5th for the November 3rd election.

If you are an out of state student and need to check your voting status in your home state, you can find a useful tool at the **Vote411.org** website.

If you need information regarding where you are currently registered to vote in Georgia, visit this website:
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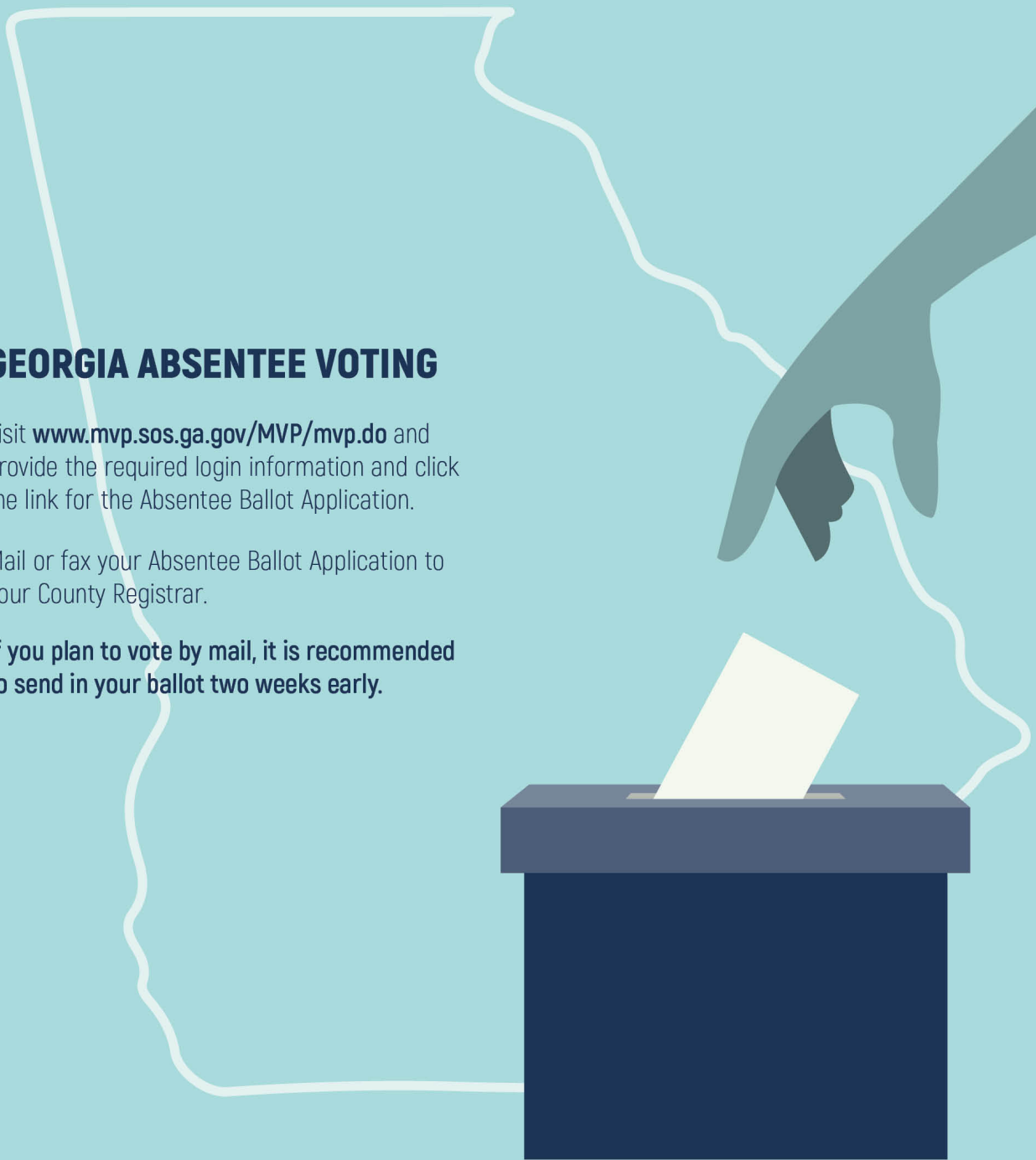
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GEORGIA ABSENTEE VOTING

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Mail or fax your Absentee Ballot Application to your County Registrar.

If you plan to vote by mail, it is recommended to send in your ballot two weeks early.



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Online counseling on the Statesboro campus

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STATESBORO — The Georgia Southern counseling center is providing all services through telemental health for the fall semester. Services provided through telemental health by the counseling center include intakes, individual/couples/group therapy, same-day solution sessions, after-hours crisis response and drop-in workshops. In compliance with social distancing, this means that all

“You don't have to struggle in silence”.

services will be held through video conferencing such as Zoom and Google Meet. Although a team of counselors is on-campus, no in-person services will be provided except for emergencies requiring safety assessments. According to the counseling center website, “Telemental health means that students have a wider range of counselors, groups, and workshops to choose from than they would typically (since campus of attendance is irrelevant to telemental health services).” September is Suicide Prevention Month, so the counseling center is hosting events throughout the month. Listed below are the workshops and group therapy programs that the Counseling Center is providing for students this semester. A completed intake session is required for group therapy but not for workshops.

- Group Therapy**
Creative Adventures Group
Wise Mind Mondays
Love Your Selfie
Out of the Blue
Pessimism and Perspectives
Rainbow Connection
Recovering Perfectionists
Understanding Self and Others
- Workshops**
Adulting 101
Care For Yourself: Workshop Series
Emotional Wisdom
Failing Forward Fridays
Grief & Loss Workshop
Let’s Talk Tuesdays
Love is Love: LGBTQ+ Campus Forum
Meditation
Mindful Yoga
Quarantine & Connect
Old School
Question, Persuade, Refer (QPR Training)
Sleep Clinic
Safe Space Training
TRIO PUSH

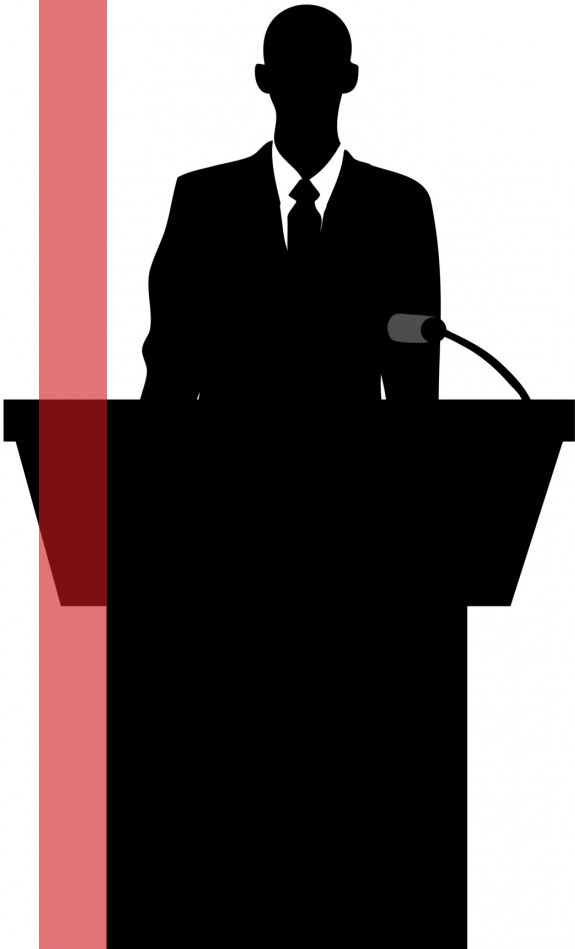
College of Education DEI committee talks about how to become an ally

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STATESBORO — The College of Education Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee hosted a panel discussion on allyship and activism at Georgia Southern last Thursday. Chelda Smith, Ph.D., associate professor in the department of elementary and special education, spoke with The George-Anne as one of the hosts in the panel discussion. Smith also has a masters degree in teaching focused on cultures and communities. After the spark of protests and attention brought to racism this summer, the college education diversity, equity and inclusion committee responded with hosting panel discussions addressing different topics related to this. “I thought it would be useful to start with allyship first because as I understand it, there are quite a few folks who have gained awareness about anti-blackness and systemic racism in ways they might not have never considered before this summer and are looking for next steps,” said Smith. According to their committee,

allyship is advocating towards shifting material and structural reality of a marginalized group. An example of allyship is trying to change a policy, trying to change laws and empowering the marginalized to be self determined to whatever quality of life that they would like to pursue, said Smith. “I thought one way to capture the enthusiasm and interest of folks with considerably more privilege is to maybe create a safer space to unpack allyship, talk about the hurdles and pitfalls talk about what one model could look like,” said Smith. People often confuse allyship with friendship or charity. Smith explained being good to an individual from a marginalized community or donating to an individual or a group in a marginalized community isn’t an allyship, in actuality it’s just charity or friendship. The model has a step by step process to becoming an ally. The first step is stop doing harm, the next step is learn about the marginalized group and unlearn, welcome discomfort and learn from the mistakes. Katie Brkich, Ph.D., is

an associate professor of elementary and science education and a colleague of Smith’s. She also participated in the panel as an example of the journey to becoming an ally. “I had to welcome that discomfort because it can be very jarring to realize that the things you thought were true are no longer real or the thing that you thought was an experience everyone had is really an experience that a privileged population experiences,” said Brkich. According to the committee it is important to communicate using reason and logic and not your emotions when actively speaking about, speaking to, or defending a marginalized group. “My ultimate goal is to move towards a level of allyship whereby I am contributing to systemic and structural change, because that’s when I would really feel like I’ve reached my goal in helping dismantle some of the systems of oppression,” said Brkich. More information on what events the College of Education Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion Committee has planned can be found on their website.



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The latest numbers from the Georgia DPH's COVID-19 Daily Status Report for counties with a Georgia Southern University campus

Bulloch County:

2,699 case 24 deaths

Chatham County:

7,922 cases 141 deaths

Liberty County:

1,016 cases 20 deaths



Statewide:

299,056 cases

26,884 hospitalizations

6,419 deaths

Georgia Southern:

90 cases

1,032 total

The Siblings and the Couple: The Two Sides of COVID-19

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The George Anne sat down with two different groups of people who have personally experienced Coronavirus. To protect the privacy of these survivors of COVID-19, we are keeping their names and identities anonymous.

During these two separate interviews, two different arguments came to light. One interview believes that Coronavirus “isn’t that bad”, and the other interview felt that coronavirus was “almost a death sentence.”

We sat down with a couple, where the 23 year old woman who is immunione compromised, contracted COVID-19 in February while on vacation with her boyfriend. The other pair we interviewed are a brother and sister duo whose entire household contracted COVID-19.

The Couple

A lot of students don’t want it to be that bad” began the girlfriend at the start of the interview. We sat down with her and her boyfriend. Despite not suffering any outward symptoms while being exposed to his girlfriend’s illness, he was there to help her recount her experience.

“I’ve suffered a lot of brain fog and memory loss, so he’s here to help me pick up the pieces.” She began to recount how she felt in the beginning. “At first you lose your senses and you just feel off. This went on for months until June.” She had COVID-19 from February to the end of July.

“The first sickness didn’t involve my breathing. I was just tired and fatigued all the time. That’s what worries me is that young people with “normal” immune systems won’t feel sick.”

The couple went to emergency care and they did an x-ray of her chest and it didn’t look like pneumonia

but “it looked strange.” They gave her medicine and sent her home.

She went back in June to pay for the x-ray and by that time the technician had been trained to identify the x-rays of COVID-19 patients so (the technician) was able to say that it was COVID-19.

She went and got a test and it was inconclusive because it showed that it had been in her system but it wasn’t enough to say positive. “So I had to sit and suffer, and wait for it to get worse.”

By mid July, it did.

“It wasn’t until the last two weeks where one day in July I woke up and couldn’t breathe.” Her health quickly deteriorated.

“There was a point where I couldn’t stop hyperventilating and sobbing because this was

“(They told her) Alright go buy a fingertip oxygen monitor, and if your oxygen gets below so and so, come back. We don’t have enough beds.” They went home and she continued to get worse.

“There was a point in my sickness where I didn’t think I was going to survive. I told my boyfriend that ‘I’m going to die.’” She recounted.

“I felt helpless because I was just watching her not able to breathe. At one point I didn’t know if she was gonna die or not, and I had to just sit there and wait. It was very emotionally exhausting. It took a lot out of me and I wasn’t even sick.” He said.

“There was a moment when I was in the ER waiting room and this woman was sitting across from me with her baby, and they weren’t wearing a

“My family is lucky because we are all young and healthy, but my grandparents could've suffered.”

my body trying to get oxygen.” She recounted. Despite being in the same household, her boyfriend never got sick.

“I assume that I was asymptomatic.” He said. “She was just sobbing for two weeks straight because she couldn’t breathe.”

At this point they went to the hospital. Before this she didn’t go because she believed at the time that “there was someone sicker than me” that needed that bed.

“They checked me into a room for 45 minutes, gave me aspirin, and sent me on my way.” They got her fever down below 100 and released her.

mask. And I was just coughing and hyperventilating with my mask on, and an hour into my waiting, I went into the bathroom of the lobby and laid on the floor. I couldn’t deal with the idea of possibly killing an infant or its mother with my existence.” She recounted.

It wasn’t until the end of July when the medicine she was prescribed “finally started working.”

“I woke up July 28th with a new set of lungs. I still have mental fog and forgetfulness, but I am happy that I am sitting here alive today.”

We then shifted the interview to the topic of masks and social

Georgia Southern reports 95 cases during fourth week

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STATESBORO — Georgia Southern officials announced Monday 95 positive COVID-19 cases on campus bringing the grand total to 1,037.

“The report below shows a second consecutive week of decline in confirmed and self-reported cases after completion of the fourth full week of classes on our campuses,” said a disclaimer on GS’ reporting website. “Though we are pleased that last week’s numbers indicate effectiveness in protecting our campus classrooms, offices, and communities, we must remain vigilant with our adherence to public health guidelines.”

Like all of the reports so far, a majority of the cases come from students on the Statesboro campus.

Nine cases come from employees, five from the

Grand total now surpasses 1,000 cases since returning to campus

Armstrong campus and none from the Liberty campus.

COVID-19 Analysis

Total COVID-19 positive cases since returning: **1,037**

Total positive cases (fourth week): **95**

University confirmed: **19**

Self reported: **76**

Students: **86**

Employees: **9**

Statesboro campus: **90**

Armstrong campus: **5**

Liberty campus: **0**



distancing.

“It’s not that these people want to be malicious it’s just that they don’t realize they’re carrying a biohazardous weapon.” She references people who don’t wear masks or social distance.

“I’m no longer afraid for my safety, now that I’ve had Covid, I’m afraid that I will have to bury my friends and coworkers.”

When asked anything else she wanted to say, she spoke this.

“Just wear a mask, please.”

The Siblings

The sister got COVID-19 first from hanging out at a friend’s house. Her friend felt sick and the same day her friend went to get tested, the sister started feeling bad.

“It was that feeling of getting a fever, and I was really tired.” She spread it to her brother, and her mom and dad. The tone of this interview felt more laid back then the previous interview.

“My throat started hurting and I was very tired.” Retorted the brother when asked about how he knew something was wrong. The whole family started feeling symptoms.

“I’ve had colds that has made me feel sicker.” The sister said. “I was tired, I had migraines, my stomach was hurting really bad, and I was really congested for two weeks.”

They quarantined inside their house for two weeks. The sister had to stay in the basement for a week, then they were quarantined for two and a half weeks. She tested positive on the 20th of July.

“My family is lucky because we are all young and healthy,

but my grandparents could’ve suffered.” The sister responded when asked about how she felt about Covid after experiencing it herself. The brother had a different opinion.

“Specifically for college students, people our age, it doesn’t really seem to affect people our age really bad at all. In the college aspect, it’s basically irrelevant to the safety of the college population. Unless you have a major underlying health issue.” Responded the brother.

When asked about the mask mandate, these were their thoughts.

“I think it’ll end up going around school probably, I don’t think anybody is gonna die, or that anybody is gonna have any problems. I don’t think we should be forced to wear a mask.” Said the brother.

They were then asked if they planned on taking any additional precautions for safety in the Fall semester.

“I don’t,” said the brother.

“I mean, just wear my mask.” said the sister.

“I’m not going to wear a mask.” responded the brother laughing.

“I do think it’s irresponsible to purposely go out when you know you have it.” said the sister.

“If you are healthy and have no underlying health issues, I would say that you don’t need to be scared.” said the brother.

When asked at the end of the interview to describe their COVID-19 experience in one word, the brother said, “underwhelming.”

The COVID-19 Experiences of Georgia Southern

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“I’ve definitely been sicker, but it wasn’t fun at all. It started as what I thought were just allergies but ended up getting worse fast. I had a migraine that felt like a tight band was around my forehead at all times for 3-4 days straight. I knew for sure it was corona when I couldn’t taste or smell anything. I tasted about 3 days later but it’s been over a week and I still don’t have my smell back.”

A STUDENT

We asked what has been your COVID experience. Here is what you had to say

“I’ve lost over 10 people in my life.”

A STUDENT

“I teach over 100 students. This week nearly 40% were out with either positive COVID tests or in quarantine because a roommate tested positive. How is the University reporting so low when I’m seeing such high numbers in my classes?”

A FACULTY MEMBER

“It’s terrifying how many of my peers are willing to put their fellow classmates at risk for a night out drinking. I told my professors I would be attending their classes online for the semester. It’s disheartening that the school values money over student lives but I can’t say I’m surprised.”

A STUDENT



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“ALL IN: The Fight for Democracy” shows new hurdles voters must overcome to vote

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STATESBORO — Stacey Abrams warns of worsening voter suppression in the upcoming election as part of a documentary shown at a pop-up drive-in theater in Bulloch County Tuesday night.

Statesboro was one of three cities in Georgia chosen by Amazon Studios to premiere ALL IN: The Fight for Democracy at the Bulloch County Agricultural Complex.

The film, featuring Stacey Abrams, the 2018 Democratic nominee for Georgia Governor, and her family, told the entire

history of voter suppression up to date, starting with poll taxes and literacy tests and ending at current day with exact match and voter ID laws.

Discriminatory voter suppression practices were outlawed in the Voting Rights Act of 1965, but the documentary explains that voter suppression is on the rise following its abolition in 2013, and Abrams believes it had much to do with the 2018 Georgia Governor election.

As said in the film, much of voter suppression is driven with the rhetoric of “voter fraud” despite there being no proof of any large-scale voter fraud found by the Trump

administration’s Voter Fraud Commission.

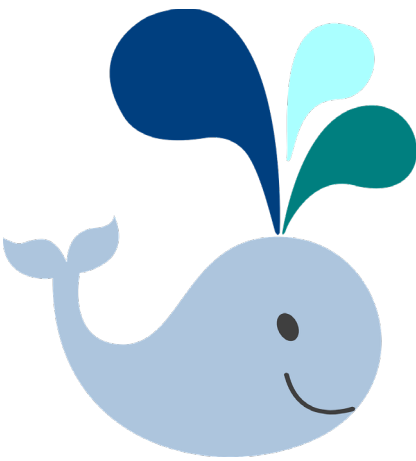
From the paranoia of voter fraud, lawmakers have found new ways of restricting voters; several states including Georgia have begun requiring photo ID, purging or removing people from voter registration lists for being inactive and employing exact-match which will pull anyone’s registration if any information given in the registration form does not match what is on file, including the appearance of signatures.

To combat these new hurdles, Abrams advises voters to check to make sure they haven’t been purged, to find their polling place and to vote early.



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The whale buried under Sweetheart Circle



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STATESBORO—Sweetheart Circle is a staple of the Georgia Southern campus but what you might not know is that there’s a whale buried beneath it. In fact, it was a Georgia Southern professor who buried the whale roughly three decades ago.

It was Richard Petkewich, Ph.D., professor in the geology and geography department and paleontologist who was alerted about a pygmy sperm

whale that had been found beached on the Georgia coast.

Petkewich developed the paleontological collection at Georgia Southern’s Museum and worked to curate other aspects. However, his specialization was in marine mammals. Petkewich also possessed a license that allowed him to collect beach specimens like the whale and bring them back.

As part of his research Petkewich has buried other marine animals however, the pygmy sperm whale is the only one to be buried under Sweetheart Circle.

In 2013 Tayler Critchlow

who worked for The George-Anne interviewed Brent Tharp, Ph.D., director of the GSU Museum about Petkewich’s research and more on the location of the whale. That article can be found here.

As for the research Tharp said, “He would de-flesh the carcasses to keep the bones for comparative study, which means that the bones would be compared to pre-historic paleontological collections,”

The whale was said to be buried under a sandy hill but in the interview with Tharp, he revealed the burial location of the whale had been lost and that Petkewich’s notes didn’t

give a precise location.

In Tharp’s words, “it’s out there on the sand hill somewhere across from Sweetheart Circle there at the entrance,”

Margaret Wilson, who is a former pupil of Petkewich spoke more on the subject in a 2015 interview with Johnny Lu who worked for The George-Anne. That article can be found here.

“Richard passed away from health complications shortly after he made those plans and did not leave enough clues for anyone to find the exact location of the whale today,” said Wilson.

Students share their thoughts on Paulson during a pandemic

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STATESBORO — When Georgia Southern announced that capacity at Paulson Stadium would be reduced to approximately 25% of its normal capacity, many fans thought it would be a big difference in the typical Eagle game day atmosphere.

From the time fans started piling in the stadium, the passion that Georgia Southern football fans have was still visible. Even hours before the game, fans were already participating in a number of passionate chants.

When the game started and Campbell took a hold of the

lead, the passion died down, but once the Eagles started storming back the stadium was at a fervent pitch.

One thing that stood out was the use of masks in the stadium. When entering the stadium fans were reminded multiple times by security to put their mask or risk being turned away.

However, once seated, many people ditched their mask for the remainder of the game. The social distancing aspect was still in effect in most cases, but only a fraction of the roughly 6,250 fans in attendance actively wore face coverings.

The George-Anne spoke to multiple students about the environment at the game.

Sophomore Mason McKay said, “I think that having less fans definitely impacted the

noise of the crowd and the home-field advantage, but the students in attendance really brought their passion for Georgia Southern football. The fans were a big part of the win on Saturday.”

One thing many fans were questioning prior to gameday is how much Saturday would resemble a normal college football Saturday. With tailgating still allowed, in limited ways, the atmosphere outside of Paulson Stadium seemed to resemble any other fall Saturday in Statesboro.

Junior Noah Lederer said, “The environment was similar to previous years. I thought it would be way worse, but a good crowd came out and it was comparable to a normal game.”



DJ CADDEN/staff

Students attend Eagles’ first game back.

Eagles escape the Campbell Camels in Season Opener

After a slow first half, Georgia Southern dominated the second half to open the season with a win

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After finding out just hours before gametime that a total of 33 players would be unable to participate, many thought the Eagles would still roll over an inferior team. However, that was not the case.

The Camels of Campbell University came out of the gates firing on all cylinders. Within two minutes, Hajj-Malik Williams had already driven his team to the endzone. This would give the Camels a lead they would almost never relinquish.

Williams would lead his team to one more first half touchdown, while the Eagle offense would struggle to find their footing, heading to the locker room with a measly six points. Coming into this game, Chad Lunsford's teams were a combined 0-12 when trailing at halftime.

Coming out of the locker room, it looked like the second half would be more of the same, with the Camels extending their lead to 14. However, Shai Werts would put the team on his back, with three of the next five drives ending in a touchdown. Werts would finish with 208 total yards, 155 of which were on the ground, along with two touchdowns.

The fourth quarter would end up being a thriller that came down to the last 15 seconds. Georgia Southern would take their first lead of the game with 6:42 to go in the game, but after a late Eagle punt, Campbell would drive down the field in under two minutes to bring the deficit down to one. With almost no hesitation, Campbell head coach Mike Minter sent the offense back out onto the field to go for two, even after a delay of game penalty pushed the attempt back five yards. The Camels would miss the conversion which would lead to an onside kick that the Eagles would ultimately recover after an eventful three attempts at the kick.

When asked how he felt about the game afterwards, head coach Chad

Lunsford had one simple thought: "A win is a win."

Lunsford was also asked about his biggest concern following the game, which he would quickly respond with, "The youth is my biggest concern." He would also hint at potentially altering some of his play calling tendencies next week, when a plethora of young guys will once again be thrown into action.

In conclusion, the combination of a shortened fall camp and a plethora of key players missing is what caused the majority of the Eagles' struggles today. For the young guys, this is a huge learning experience, which should benefit them tremendously next week when the Florida Atlantic Owls come into town.



Alex Raynor, placekicker for the Eagles

SPMB marches on during COVID-19

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In preparation for this Saturday's football game the Southern Pride Marching Band has been working tirelessly the last five months while following the CDC guidelines.

This football season will be like no other for all parties involved due to the 25% capacity of Paulson Stadium and the in stadium adaptations that have to be followed.

Earlier this week, on

Monday 7 the Athletics Department confirmed the plan to allow all 200+ members of the marking band into the stadium. But on Wednesday 9 reports started arriving of the band only sending in a fraction of their members to perform.

This led to a change. org petition titled "Allow All SPMB Members in Paulson Stadium" with a goal of 2,500 signatures to be created. This petition has garnered over a thousand signatures which has been slowly

building up to its 2,500 signature goal.

The George Anne had reached out to both the department of Athletics and the Marching band prior to the release of the joint statement at 4 pm on Thursday 10 and was unable to get a response.

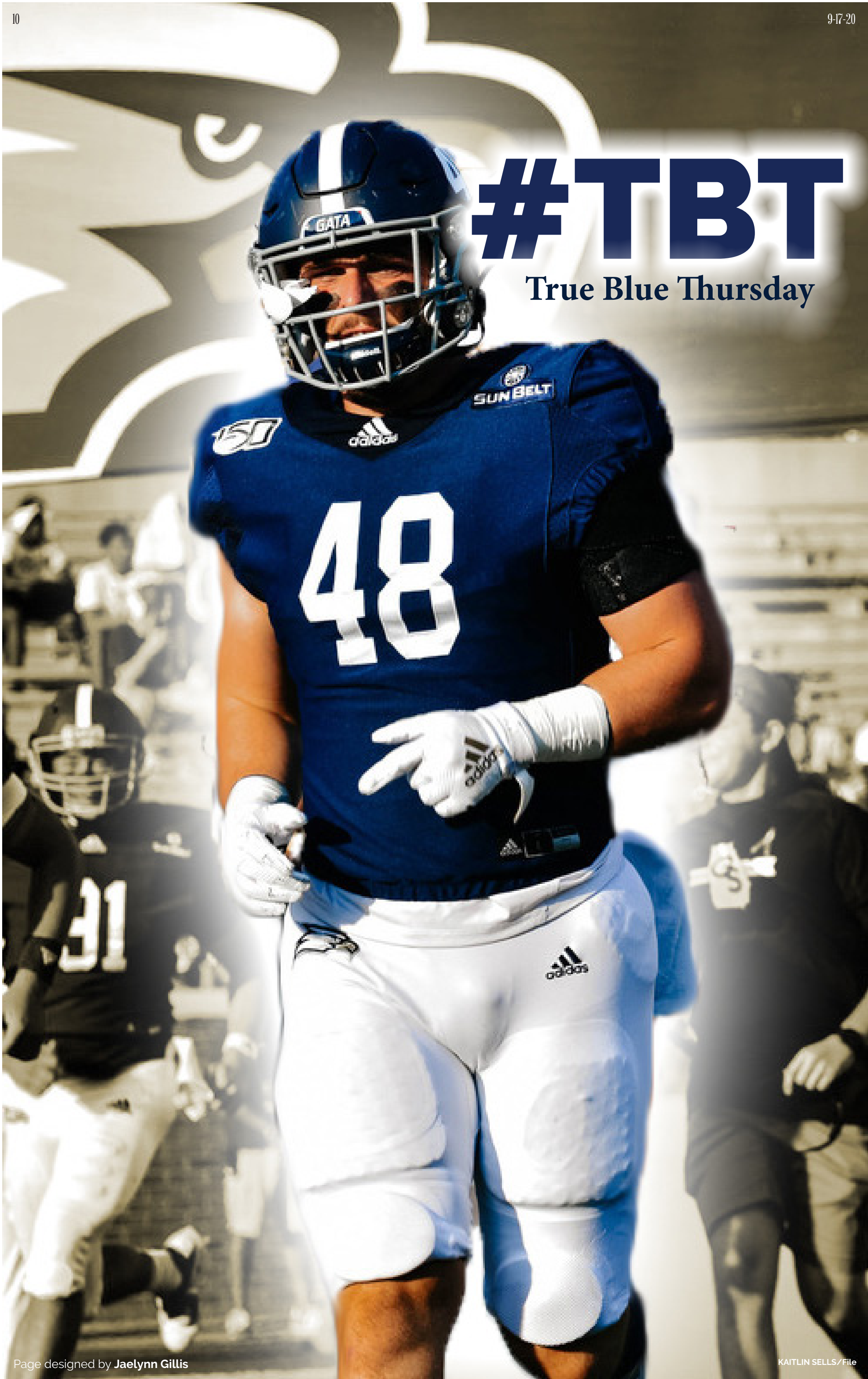
The Statement which can be found on the Georgia Southern Athletics Facebook Page and Twitter states that, "After a productive meeting this morning between leaders of Southern Pride Marching Band

and Georgia Southern Athletics, [...] Athletics has allotted space for SPMB and they will fill that area using appropriate social distancing guidelines at their discretion."

The statement promises to continue the tradition of a loud and proud game day from SPMB as well as a continued conversation on the best way to provide a safe and and incredible game day.

#TBT

True Blue Thursday



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- Across
1. Mauna ___ (Hawaiian volcano)

4. Track star Jesse, of four gold medals in 1936

9. Soprano group

14. "___ true!"

15. Kind of training

16. Completely

17. Jim Carrey had many roles in it

20. Buckeye State

21. Plaintiff

22. Reinvigoration

26. Prognosticator

31. "All the Things You ___"

32. On a deck, perhaps

34. Cinch

35. Amusement park establishment

37. Bug-eyed

38. Anna Hathaway starred in it

42. Abominable Snowman

43. Name source

44. One who escapes by trickery

47. Ivan the Terrible, e.g.

48. Bat wood

51. Skunk

53. Like golden-agers

55. Hightailed it

57. Small forest buffalo

58. David Lynch directed it

65. Problem, nowadays

66. Durable fabric

67. Preserve, in a way

68. Having shelf projections

69. Water pots

70. Alias
- Down

1. Welcome word in New Zealand, also a drink brand

2. Artist working on glass

3. Radiant

4. Japanese sash

5. Is no longer

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6. "Guinness World Records" suffix

7. Pilfers

8. Diving duck

9. Compact computers

10. Santa ____, Calif.

11. A long way

12. United Nations agcy.

13. "That's ___!"

18. 1973 Supreme Court decision name

19. Word repeated after "Que," in song

23. Cordial

24. Saclike structures

25. Charter

27. Sacred hymn

28. Extremely popular

29. Greek love god

30. Two-year-old, unshorn sheep

33. Expert

35. Comment to the audience

36. Jagged, as a leaf's edge
38. To the left, prefix

39. Abbr. at the end of a list

40. Detail-oriented, to say the least

41. Charlie ____ (jazz guitarist)

42. "Sure"

45. Resounding a lot

46. Commuting option

48. Flowering plant with healing properties

49. Bratislava resident

50. Doglike nocturnal mammal, var

52. Phone provider

54. Attention

56. Author Roald

58. "Thanks a ___!"

59. Finish, with "up"

60. Hallucinogen

61. Express love for

62. Naught

63. Genetic stuff

64. Affairs

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Level: Difficult

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Sudoku solution: medium

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Sudoku solution: difficult

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